

## IN MEMORIAM

**Prof. dr. sc. Petar KESIĆ**  
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Professor Petar Kesić was born in Vareš, Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina in 1941. He studied at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, University of Sarajevo and graduated in 1964. In 1969 he acquired his Master's Degree at the Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, USA, and in 1974 he was awarded his PhD at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, USA.

Immediately upon graduation he was engaged at the Institute of Thermotechnics and Nuclear Engineering Sarajevo. In 1967 professor Kesić pursued his activities at the Institute of Automation and Computer Science, Sarajevo on the development of various devices for the process industry and aeronautical engineering.

In 1964 he was appointed assistant lecturer at the University of Sarajevo, and in 1981 assistant professor and full professor in 1989. In 1992 he settled in Zagreb and worked for the company INA – Special Equipment. At the same time he was giving lectures at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture and the Faculty of Traffic and Transport Engineering, University of Zagreb.

At the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture he was a member to the Department of Aeronautical Engineering, and his valuable contribution to its development had been widely appreciated. Professor Kesić was the first Head to Program of Aerodynamics and heavily committed to the development of this important field. He was in charge of several scientific projects, established a laboratory for aerodynamics, concerned not only with theoretical work, but was deeply involved in the work with students and young collaborators, making them aware of the importance of experimental research.

Professor Petar Kesić was highly esteemed and loved by his colleagues and collaborators, in Croatia and abroad. He maintained contact with fellow professors from major universities, as well as with his former students, nowadays renown experts in Croatia and worldwide. He published a dozen of scientific and professional papers, and his books are a part of the eternal scientific heritage.

We will always cherish the memory of Professor Kesić.